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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	REPORT	
TOPIC <u>Soviet Troop Trains</u>		638773
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Troop trains included:

between 2 and 28 May 1954

Date in May Number of Cars

10	34
	36
3	31
17	4
3	43
	35
4	35
	43
5	39
	14
7	57
19	27
23	40
2	6
	26
4	48

From To

Bad Suderode	Jaevenitz	1
"	"	1
Barby	Tangerhütte	2
"	"	2
Burg	Letzlingen)	3
"	Hillersleben)	
"	")	
"	"	5
"	"	
"	"	
Borstel	Neubukow	4
Koethen	Klaus	5
"	"	
Leipzig	Merseburg	6
Magdeburg-Brueckfeld	Wuensdorf	7
"	Hillersleben	
"	Wuensdorf	7

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May						
4	48		Magdeburg- Bruckfeld	Altengrabow	7	25X1
	27		"	"	7	
5	45		"	"	7	
28	20		Magdeburg- Sudenburg	Wittstock	8	
2	27		Nachterstedt	Koethen		
4	51		Stendal	Altengrabow) 9	
	11		"	"		
2	18		Stendal-East	Rosslau		
	50		"	Wuensdorf) 10	
3	20		"	Tangerhuetten		
6	44		Tangermunde	Neubukow) 10	
	34		"	Kroepelin		

1. Comment. The two troop trains probably carried elements of the 597th Mtz Rifle Regt of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div to the summer camp of the division near Jaevenitz in the north sector of Letzlingen Heath. 25X1
2. Comment. The report indicates that large contingents of the 323d Mgr Bn (US) of the Third Shock Army from Barby moved to the engineer troop training grounds of the army at Bittkau on 3 May and were followed by a smaller contingent on 17 May 1954. On 4 May 1954, the unidentified engineer battalion of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps from Schwerin also arrived at the camp. See also the troop train from Stendal to Tangerhuetten on 3 May 1954 commented on in Field Comment 9. 25X1
3. Comment. On 5 May 1954, the entraining of elements of the 136th Gds Bn Tr SP Regt of the Third Shock Army at the Burg railroad station was observed. The present report indicates that the bulk of the regiment moved to the southern sector of Letzlingen Heath on four troop trains on 3, 4 and 5 May 1954. The troop train to Letzlingen on 3 May 1954 possibly carried elements of the corps troops stationed at Burg to Camp Jaevenitz. 25X1
4. Comment. the troop train on 5 May 1954 carried an air force AAA unit from Zerstal airfield to the Wustrow AAA Range. 25X1
5. Comment. The two troop trains were loaded with air force units. The trains probably belonged to a movement in connection with the possible reorganization of the fighter division Merseburg which may also include the reoccupation of Altenburg airfield near Klaus. 25X1

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6. Comment. Compare with the troop train from Merseburg to Loburg on 15 May 1954. [redacted] The present report indicates that the previous assumption that the train carried elements of the 76th Arty Brig (US) to Altengrabow for firing practice was incorrect. [redacted] on 23 May 1954, an air force unit returned to Merseburg. As a number of 40 railroad cars exceeds the usual number of cars used for transportation of an air force AAA unit to combat firing practice, the troop train probably carried ground unit elements of the fighter regiment at Merseburg which temporarily moved to Altengrabow - Iuebars airfield. 25X1
7. Comment. The troop train from Magdeburg-Brueckfeld on 2 May 1954 probably carried troops of the 19th Gds Mech Div to the southern sector of Letzlingen Heath via Hillersleben. A troop train with equipment of the 36th Pan Bridge Regt of the GOCG which also went to Keinsdorf was observed on 2 May. On 4 and 5 May 1954, the entraining of light units belonging to the 3d Gds AAA Div and the unidentified heavy AT artillery regiment of the 20th Army AF Brig (US) of the Third Shock Army was also observed at Magdeburg. The present report indicates that these units moved to the Altengrabow troop training grounds. 25X1
8. Comment. Since ambulances with personnel of the Third Shock Army returned from Wittstock to Magdeburg on 2 June 1954, it is believed that, on 28 May 1954, the same contingent was dispatched from Magdeburg-Sudenburg to Wittstock. [redacted] 25X1
9. Comment. The troop trains from Stendal and Stendal-East have not been identified. It is assumed that the trains to Altengrabow probably carried artillery units of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div or elements of the 399th (?) PL Regt (US) of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps from Borstel. The train to Rosslau possibly elements of the 390th Indep Engr Bn, as individual motor vehicles of the Third Shock Army were seen in the Rosslau-Aken area in mid-May 1954. The train to Tangerhuetten probably elements of the 332nd Engr Bn of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div. 25X1
10. Comment. The two troop trains on 6 May 1954 carried the 953d AAA Bn (US) to the Mustraw AAA Range. 25X1

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